

**ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**  
**for 1965**

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**St. Thomas Armenian Church**  
**Tenafly, New Jersey**

The Sunday School began its season with registration of students on September 12 and 19. All children who were 4 years of age and up were registered. Classes officially began on Sept. 26th and are held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

The students are divided into 20 classes from Nursery and Kindergarten up to the Senior class of 10th graders. We have approximately 75% attendance each Sunday or 160 students of the 223 who have registered this year. We have a staff of 23 teachers and 4 substitutes.

During Lent of 1965, mite boxes were distributed to the students and the monies collected when they were returned at Easter were used to continue the support to two students we are sponsoring at the St. Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem.

On Saturday, April 17, 1965 we had the first Easter Communion Service in our new church. Following the services the children went into the auditorium which was beautifully and colorfully decorated and enjoyed breakfast prepared under the chairmanship of Mrs. Dorothy Otchy.

On May 22nd our Sunday School was host to a Superintendents and Teachers Conference which was attended by persons from the Greater New York area, New Jersey, Philadelphia and Troy.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 12th at Van Saun Park. This year we had invited the students of St. Gregory's Armenian Church of New York to join us. Approximately 200 persons attended. John Seferian was in charge of food and Alice Parseghian and Arthur Azarik in charge of games. A grand time was had by all.

This year during the Thanksgiving season, instead of collecting canned foods for the needy, we had a special collection taken and the \$50.00 which was collected was presented to His Beatitude, Archbishop Shnorh Kaloustian, to be used by the orphanges in Turkey.

From October through December, one grade per Sunday comes prepared to receive Holy Communion. Parents are always welcome to join their children. Following communion the children are served breakfast. Our thanks to Mrs. Virginia Cherishian who saw to it that the buns and milk were always waiting for the classes.

A special Christmas Communion Service took place on Saturday, January 8th, at which time 203 students and parents received Holy Communion. Many thanks to Mrs. Roxie Daghlian who was chairman of the lovely breakfast which followed.

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On Sunday, January 9th, our annual Christmas program took place ;in the auditorium under the capable chairmanship of Miss Doris Chrekjian. A lovely program was presented by the students for the enjoyment of their parents. At this time, we would like to thank Mrs. Shakae Shahinian who was chairman of the refreshments served following the program.

The Sunday School staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for the books on "Martyrdom & Rebirth" which they presented to each of the teachers and substitutes in recognition of their devoted services. Our thanks to the Parish Council for their unhesitating assistance whenever asked.

We would like to thank Mrs. Isabel Kratljan who has been doing a most efficient job taking care of our attendance and acting as secretary; also to Mrs. Ardemis Nazarian who sends out the birthday cards to our students.

A special thanks at this time to each and every member of the staff who gives untiringly of their efforts and for their devoted devotion to their work.

Respectfully submitted,



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Superintendent

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attached: List of staff members